



St. Columba's Church
Douglas
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**Douglas/Rochestown
 Parish**

St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown
 021-489 6797
 (Office)



Sunday Mass
 Sat Vigil 6.00pm
 Sun 9.30am & 11.00am

Sunday 1st Oct '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

DEATHS

The death took place of: **Eamonn Nott**, Monastery Road, dearly beloved husband of Catherine, dear brother of Frances. *May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.*


LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**26th Sunday in Ordinary
 Time - 1 October 2023**

NEWS DESK

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€1976**. St. Patrick's: **€1235**. **2nd Collection Priesthood:** St. Columba's: **€1747**. St. Patrick's: **€865**. *Many Thanks for your generosity.*

NOTICES

 **DOUGLAS / FRANKFIELD / TURNER'S CROSS ALPHA COURSE - October to December 2023 inc. 1st Oct also. ALPHA 3 - A new Alpha Course**, organised by the Parish Assembly, starts on **THU, 12th October**, in the Parish Rooms, St Columba's, and runs for 10 weeks, **from 7.30 to 9.00pm** each Thursday night. Alpha is an opportunity to explore your faith in an informal and friendly environment. If you're asking: Who is Jesus? Why did he die? What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?, then Alpha is for you. Contact the Parish Office: (parishofdouglas@gmail.com / 021 489 4128) or Brian O'Kane (alphateam2023@hotmail.com / 086 244 1633). **Alpha 3 training** - Thursday 5 October, 7pm start for 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

PARISH ASSEMBLY - Our Parish Assembly has come to the end of its (extended) term and we're now looking for parishioners to join the new Assembly for the period 2023 to 2026. If you feel you could contribute to developing the pastoral and spiritual life of the parish, and support people on their faith journey, please complete a nomination form and return it to the Parish office before FRI 6 October.

SAFEGUARDING - Week 1. October is Safeguarding month in the Diocese. The parish and Diocesan Safeguarding Teams work hard all year to assure our Churches are a safe space for children. *"We welcome all children and young people to participate fully in the life of the parish, whether it be attendance at Mass and the Sacraments, as Altar Servers, Choir, Children's Liturgy, Pray and Play, Youth Ministry etc. Feel free to contact the parish office for details. We look forward to seeing you."*

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FROM CORK AIRPORT, Group Leader Jim Keogh, 5th JUN '24, Aer Lingus. For further information please contact: Jim Keogh 021 4885371 *you will be most welcome. Please note €100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 15 NOV 2023. N.B. Our places are strictly limited* and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Notice in Notice Board Church Porch.

ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED? Looking for a pre-marriage course? **NAOMI** have courses in Douglas every month held on a Saturday. Why not give **NAOMI** a call at 086 3094792 for further information.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE 2023 Is Live On Radio Maria Ireland From 2pm on SAT 7th OCT. Speakers include Fr. Seán Maguire, Fr. Colum Power, Catherine McGowan, Fr. Freddy Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277.

MONASTIC VOCATIONS WEEKEND CISTERCIAN NUNS The Cistercians at Glencairn Abbey invite you to discern God's call to monastic life as lived out here since 1932. If you are a single woman, aged 19-40, come and experience our monastic life of prayer, work, hospitality & contemplation in the solitude and beauty of Glencairn, County Waterford. For more information: www.glencairnabbey.org. Contact: Sr Sarah, Vocation Director: vocations@glencairnabbey.org

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 2nd Oct '23:

WED 04 OCT '23 - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, Religious Born in Assisi (Italy), was one of seven children of a wealthy merchant. When he was twenty, he joined the men of Assisi in a military expedition against Perugia, was captured and spent a year as a prisoner of war. Returning to Assisi and his care-free life, a serious illness in 1204 sparked a spiritual crisis. On recovery, Francis dreamed of becoming a knight in the Crusades. But on his way he had a strange vision where a voice told him to "follow the master, not the man". Soon after this, while praying, Francis saw the icon of Christ crucified come alive and say to him three times: "Francis, Francis, go and repair my house which, as you can see, is falling into ruins." So he sold his horse together with some cloth from his father's store, and went to help the priest repair the church.

'It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian, and yet feel there is something missing. Does it not make a huge difference when your heart is in what you are doing? It is so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life?'

The desire of Jesus for us is that we grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way? Recall times when your relationship with God, or with another person, was something that gave you energy, hope or joy. What lessons do you learn from those memories?'

The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet they have taught you something about true goodness.'
Intercom.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:

"The work of God always passes through fraternity, through the eyes, the hands, the feet, the hearts of men and women who, in their respective roles of ecclesial or civil responsibility, try to build fraternal relationships and social friendship."